

To Whom it May Concern,

Why are Pappas Telecasting Companies' being allowed to make 'donations' worth \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas? This is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves. We need to make sure that these companies obey existing laws and we need to prevent broadcasters who use the public airwaves to demonstrate favoritism toward any political party.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time. This is a most cynical act of abuse of public trust

Pappas behavior in this issue does not serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please act on this egregious snub of public awareness.

Thank you.

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